

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion to Determine Whether the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility has Remained Out of Service for Nine or More Consecutive Months Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 455.5(a) and Whether any Expenses Associated with the Out of Service Plant Should be Disallowed from Southern California Gas Company's Rates.

Investigation 17-03-002

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to November 29, 2018.

**Background**

Based on the filing date of this Investigation, Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases shall be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo issued, unless the Commission establishes an alternative timeline in the Scoping Memo or issues an order extending that deadline. On March 2, 2017, the Scoping Memo was issued in this proceeding setting the statutory deadline for September 2, 2018. This decision extends the statutory deadline of this proceeding to November 29, 2018.

There were a substantial number of exhibits and documents admitted to the record in this proceeding. An extension of time beyond the current statutory deadline of September 2, 2018, is necessary for the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to thoroughly evaluate the record and prepare the proposed decision of this proceeding. Therefore, the statutory deadline of this proceeding is extended until November 29, 2018.

**Waiver of Comment Period**

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

**Assignment of Proceeding**

Liane M. Randolph is the assigned Commissioner and Gerald F. Kelly is the assigned ALJ in this proceeding.

**Findings of Fact**

1. This Investigation was opened on March 2, 2017.
2. On July 21, 2017, the Scoping Memo was issued in this proceeding setting the statutory deadline for September 2, 2018.
3. A significant number of exhibits were admitted during this proceeding
4. An extension of the statutory deadline is necessary for the assigned ALJ to thoroughly evaluate the record and prepare the proposed decision of this proceeding.

**Conclusion of Law**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to November 29, 2018.

**IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. The statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until November 29, 2018.
2. Investigation 17-03-002 remains open.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, at San Francisco, California.